

Gulf of Tonkin Incident

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The "**Gulf of Tonkin Incident**" was cited as the *casus belli* for the USA to commit ground forces to the war in Vietnam. It refers to 2 claimed incidents involving the naval destroyer USS Maddox on 2 and 4 August 1964 respectively, both of which are alleged to have involved unprovoked aggression against the US ship by the Vietnamese . According to an NSA investigation which was declassified in 2010, only one of the claimed incidents actually took place. ^[1] The report also reveals that the seriousness of the incident which *did* take place is at best questionable, in terms of a genuine *casus belli* for full-scale war. For example, it was the USS Maddox which fired the first (warning) shots, there were no US casualties and there were 4 North Vietnamese sailors killed and 6 wounded, with no damage to the US ship and extensive damage to three Vietnamese torpedo boats. ^[1]

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US Provocation

On August 3, US Treasury Secretary, Robert Anderson secretly recorded a call he received from Lyndon B Johnson. This provides evidence of US provocation of the attacks:

"OK. Here's what we did. We [were] within their 12-mile limit, and that's a matter that hasn't been settled. But there have been some covert operations in that area that we have been carrying on – blowing up some bridges and things of that kind, roads, and so forth. So I imagine they wanted to put a stop to it. So they come out there and fire and we respond



"Casus belli"

Gulf of Tonkin Incident (False Flag Attack)



Date	2 August 1964 - 4 August 1964
Perpetrators	US Navy
Blamed on	North Vietnam
Lead to	Vietnam War
Description	Two faked attacks used by the USA as a <i>casus belli</i> to commit ground forces to the Vietnam War.

immediately with five-inch guns from the destroyer and with planes overhead. And we cripple them up – knock one of them out and cripple the other two. And then we go right back where we were with that destroyer [the Maddox], and with another one [the Turner Joy], plus plenty of planes standing by. And that's where we are now.”

Lyndon Johnson (1964-08-03) — [2]

Declassified documents

The NSA declassified and released nearly 200 documents relating to this incident in 2005 and 2006.^[3]

Related Documents

Title	Type	Publication date	Author(s)	Description
MH-17 Mystery: A New Tonkin Gulf Case?	article	17 July 2015	Robert Parry	A First anniversary retrospective drawing a compelling parallel with the 'Gulf of Tonkin incident' which became the casus belli for the Vietnam war.
Peter Dale Scott - COPA 2010	speech	2010	Peter Dale Scott	
The sinking of the Cheonan: Another Gulf of Tonkin incident	article	20 May 2010	Stephen Gowans	A parallel between the Cheonan incident and the Gulf of Tonkin.

Related Quotation

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The Deep State and 9/11	“Many of the people who were associated with the war were looking for any excuse to initiate bombing. The sending of a destroyer up the Tonkin Gulf was primarily for provocation. ... There was a feeling that if the destroyer got into some trouble, that it would provide the provocation we needed. ^[1] (https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Document:The_Deep_State_and_9/11#endnote_24)”	George Ball	1977

The Official Culprit

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References

1. ↑ ^a ^b Robert J. Hanyok, "Skunks, Bogies, Silent Hounds, and the Flying Fish: The Gulf of Tonkin Mystery, 2-4 August 1964" (http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/_files/gulf_of_tonkin/articles/rel1_skunks_bogies.pdf), *Cryptologic Quarterly*, Winter 2000/Spring 2001 Edition, Vol. 19, No. 4 / Vol. 20, No. 1.

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